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WEATHER

This was another week of above normal temperatures. Precipitation was below normal with mostly trace amounts being reported. Maximum temperatures were the highest of the season, frequently being recorded in the 70's.

CROPS

Warm temperatures and wind tended to dry out most fields to enable spring work. Good progress was made in seed bed preparations. Soil moisture remains generally adequate. County agents report topsoil moisture supplies short in 15% of counties, 82% adequate and 3% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies are short in 3% of counties, 94% adequate and 3% surplus. Some areas of Nebraska had high winds late in the week causing soil erosion problems.

Winter wheat is in good condition. Crop growth and development has been rapid the last week. Consideration is being given to planting spring wheat in fields with poor stands and heavy weed infestation.

CROPS (Continued)

Alfalfa and wild hay are in good condition. Army cutworms are still a problem and being sprayed for. Hay carryover is expected to be normal. Farmers and ranchers are planning other methods of harvesting their hay because of scarce supplies of baling wire and twine.

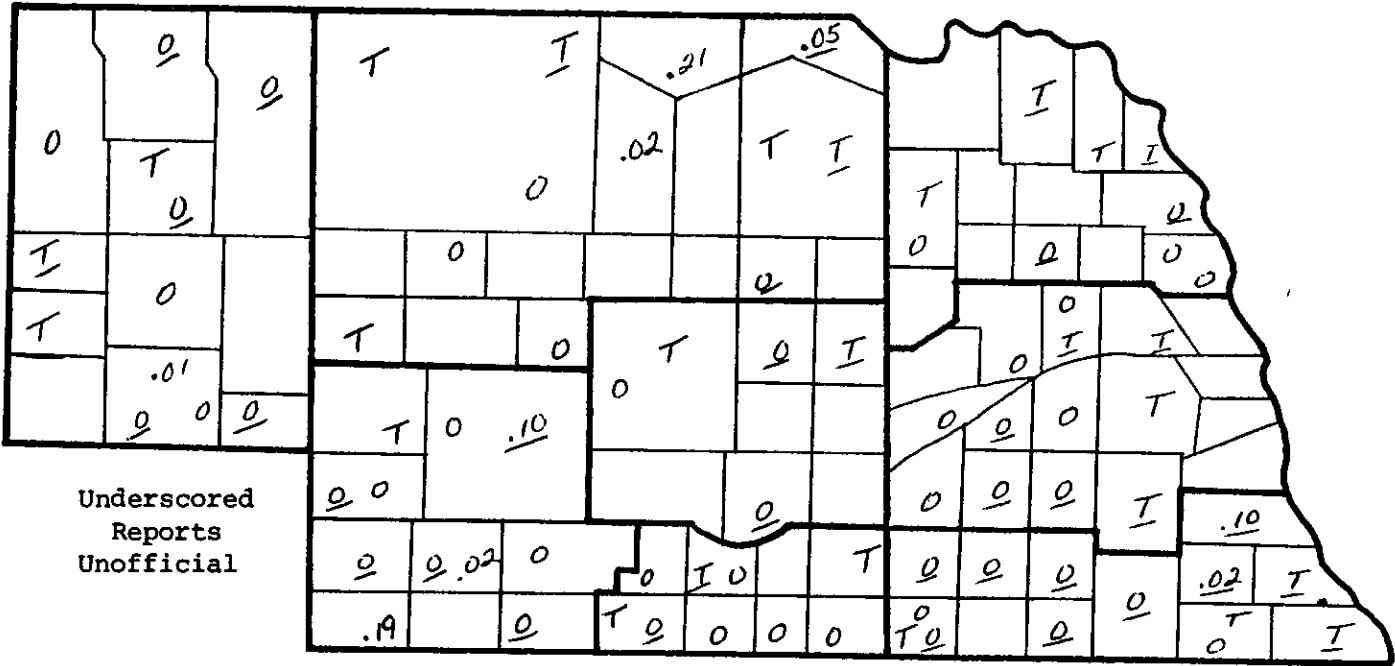
GENERAL

During the week of March 23-29, six days were suitable for field work. Nebraska farmers and ranchers were busy shredding stalks, discing and plowing, planting spring crops, fencing, caring for livestock, etc. Fertilizer for spring seeding is generally in short supply. County agents in 86% of counties report short supplies and 14% as adequate. They estimate approximately 70% of fertilizer supplies available to meet current demand. Metal fencing materials are reported in short supply, too.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies are reported as 10% short and 90% adequate. Some cattle movement to summer pastures was reported. Livestock are in good condition and many cull cows are being marketed.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1974

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	70	16	48	--	T
	Scottsbluff	70	25	49	+11	.08
	Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	76	20	44	+8	.17
NE	Norfolk	74	27	48	+10	T
	Sioux City	66	29	47	+9	.07
CEN	Grand Island	74	26	51	+11	T
EC	Lincoln	78	28	52	+11	T
	Omaha	74	25	51	+9	.02
SW	Imperial	74	29	53	--	0
	North Platte	77	22	48	+10	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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